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# *Shenenne Gardens*

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## 1952 Iris Listing

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- ★ BEARDED IRIS
- ★ SIBERIANS
- ★ SPURIAS



Hello Again!

Here we are once more at the start of the iris season. Right now, in mid-April, it's more like July than the month of showers; hot, dry and windy. The sort of weather that lengthens the day and shortens the temper. We hope for the blessing of cooling rains. But whatever the weather the iris take it with becoming grace, more than we can say for ourselves.

Our catalog is again a modest one. Every year we have said, "Next year we must have a few pictures—at least one on the cover." But every year costs go up and we decide that maybe next year . . . So bear with us once more, perhaps in time we'll at least have a likeness of our beloved Solveg. And in the meantime the iris, pictured or not, are as lovely and magical as ever. We only hope that our meager descriptions may create a lovely image in your minds and that many of you will be able to come to the garden and meet the iris in person. The latch string is out so far it's fairly waving in the breeze (and we do mean breeze!), can you see it from there? Be seeing you we hope!

Yours till then,

Ruth M. Johnson

Martin Johnson

Sgt. Dave Cook

(now in Seoul, Korea)



## TERMS

Cash with order please, meaning currency, check or money order. \$3.00 orders sent postpaid, if your order is smaller (Heaven forbid!) would you just add an extra quarter to your remittance? We'd take it kindly of you, postage getting more painful year by year . . . Shipment of bearded iris in late July, August and early September—no spring shipments—Siberians and Spurias in September and early October. Barring specific requests orders are shipped pretty much in rotation, let us know if you must have your iris at any certain time and we will accommodate you . . . Write us for quantity prices or for any item unlisted, we may have it in sufficient quantity to supply you. Let us hear from you.

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## General Descriptive List of Fine Iris

ALEPPO PLAIN — Lovely red marked plicata, not large or tall but of great color value.....	\$1.00	BRIGHT MELODY — A real smoothie of unique coloring. Like Concord grapes with metallic sheen and chestnut haft.....	.50
ALINE—Fine medium blue iris.....	.50	BRYCE CANYON — As colorful as the canyon for which it is named. A warm rich blending of henna and copper tones.....	\$1.50
ANGELUS—Blended creamy pink with a touch of lavender at the center. Very lovely.....	.50	BUCKSKIN—A real buckskin tan, pretty much a self, large flowers on tall stalks. A good one.....	.50
ARAB CHIEF—An intensely brilliant iris of burnt orange deepening to henna. Velvet falls. Very showy. ....	\$1.00	BUFFAWN — Soft buff-fawn coloring accented by a brilliant tangerine beard. Distinctive.....	.50
AT DAWNING—Large bicolor of arbutus pink and deep rose.....	.50	CAPTAIN WELLS — Very rich maroon red with velvet finished flaring falls. Well liked. ....	.75
AUBANEL — Shrimp pink blend with well rounded falls flushed yellow. Touch of yellow at center. ....	.50	CAROLINE BURR—A cool aristocrat in cream ivory with an iridescent lustre. Good form and branching. ....	.60
BALMUNG — Larger than most yellow plicatas, this is clear yellow well peppered with cinnamon brown. A fine Sass iris.....	.60	CASQUE D'OR—This golden casket is a show piece! A most brilliant and lovely variegata of glittering blackish maroon. Blooms heavily and makes a fine show. ....	.60
BELMONT—A very nice medium blue iris. Try it!.....	.50	CATHEDRAL DOME — A large, well-rounded white that is well liked. The name describes it perfectly. ....	.60
BERKELEY GOLD—A top notch deep yellow of wonderful color and good form with a strong stalk. A well finished flower with color both deep and brilliant. Grows vigorously and blooms freely. A must! ....	.75	CHIVALRY — A recent Dykes medal winner is this most wanted iris of medium blue coloring. Order early. ....	\$3.00
BERMUDA SANDS—A large and beautifully ruffled iris of light golden coffee tan blended with sunset colors. A beauty. ....	.50	CITY OF LINCOLN—King of the variegatas and runner-up for the Dykes medal. Rich golden standards, bright velvety chestnut red falls edged yellow. ....	.50
BLUE RHYTHM—Mrs. Whiting's lovely blue, winner of the Dykes medal in '50. A must for every iris garden. ....	\$1.75	CLOTH OF GOLD—One of Mrs. Whiting's fine rich yellows. We love it. ....	\$1.00
BLUE SHIMMER—A real beauty of waxy white heavily but cleanly stippled and dotted soft clear blue. Very large but not in the least coarse. Magnificent! ....	\$1.00	CLINTON SYLVESTER—A rather pretty pinkish plicata that is very nice for cutting. ....	.50
BLUE ZENITH—One of the best of its color class. Light campanula blue, large and tall, slightly ruffled. Good branching, strong growth, vigor and hardness add to its value. 40 inches tall. ....	.50	COPPER FRILLS—A ruffled rosy copper that makes a charming clump and is lovely for cutting. ....	.50
BRIGHT LIGHTS—A clean bright yellow and white plicata with soft tan stitching on the falls.....	\$1.50	CORALIE — Showy pink bicolor, a former Dykes medal winner. Very lovely ....	.50

CORONADO—Deep rich yellow of good size. One of Tompkins' best. ....\$1.00

DAMASCUS—Spanish yellow with falls trimmed in Navajo orange. \$1.00

DAMERINE—A very large and majestic deep red with domed standards and flaring falls. People love it. .... .60

DIRECTEUR PINELLE—Majestic bronze purple of fine form and growing habits. Many prefer it to newer iris. .... .50

DYMIA—A very deep blue that has appeared in the ancestry of many of the newer iris. .... .50

EASTER BONNET — A bright blush pink edged with gold. ....\$1.00

ELKHART—A deep chestnut red that performs very well. .... .50

ELMOHR — A sensational mulberry purple of huge size, heavily ruffled, beautifully rounded, extremely weather resistant. Performs variably here. ....\$1.00

ELSA SASS — Medium sized blooms of cool lemon yellow. .... .50

EROS—An old favorite in salmon pink, vigorous, hardy and dependable. .... .35

FLORENTINE — A different French plicata completely covered with blue dots and freckles. Large flowers and fine growing habits. .... .50

FRANK ADAMS — A fine showy variegata, large and tall. .... .50

GALLANT LADY—Lovely large tall lavender blue. .... .75

GARDEN MAGIC—A top flight red of smooth velvety tone and clear color. Rather slow grower. .... .50

GILT EDGE — A distinctive pale creamy yellow. Falls edged with deeper gold. Very lovely! .... .50

GOLDBEATER — Deep chrome yellow self. Very fine. ....\$1.00

GOLDEN EAGLE—A soft yellow of great size and beauty. Much used in breeding. ....\$1.00

GOLDEN HIND—A colorful rich buttercup yellow, the best in the low price class. Blooms and increases well. Most desirable..... .35

GOLDEN SPANGLE—Soft yellow with white area on the falls. .... .50

GOLDEN SPIKE — Very fine hardy iris in deep dandelion yellow. Oval blooms and deep orange beard. .... .75

GRACE BALLARD — A luscious apricot blend with good substance, flaring form and fine color. .... .50

GRAND CANYON—A deeply colored yet subtle blending of plum, copper and gold. Slight ruffling adds to the charm of this unique iris. .... .60

GREAT LAKES—Canada gave us this '42 Dykes medal winner. A light pure clear blue of crisp substance and flaring form. Tall sturdy stalks, large well placed blooms and superb branching further distinguish this extremely fine iris. Very hardy and a strong grower. Dependable..... .75

GUDRUN—A very fine white with giant blooms on rather short stalks. A warm white with a rich golden beard and a dusting of gold at the throat. A clump of Gudrun in full bloom is an unforgettable sight! .... .35

HARRIET THOREAU — A clear toned flower in deep orchid. Long blooming. Very fine. .... .75

HELEN FIELD FISCHER — We are happy to be able to list again this lovely ruffled orchid. It blooms heavily and grows ruggedly. .... .50

HELEN MCGREGOR—The sensational true blue that everyone wants. A clear light color, paler than Great Lakes and with the delicacy of Glorioso. Very refined in finish and beautifully ruffled. Good substance, sturdy stalks and fine branching. A buy at...\$3.00

INDIAN HILLS — A self of rich true purple of large size and oval form. Grows thriftily and makes a striking show of color. Always in demand. .... .50



INSPIRATION—A truly gorgeous iris and a startling color break. Enormous, beautifully formed blooms of vivid lustrous rose carmine on sturdy well branched stems. An iris everyone wants, there is never enough to go around. ....	\$1.00
JAKE — A fine glistening white from the Sass gardens. It puts on a fine bloom show and is very popular. ....	.60
JANICE—An attractive blue rather like Missouri but without the touch of brown at the haft. Late blooming. ....	.50
KANSAS BOUQUET — A heavily marked blue and white plicata that is very lovely. Good size and substance. ....	.50
LADY OF SHALOTT — A lovely pink plicata from Schreiner.....	.75
LADY MOHR—The controversial but lovely William Mohr hybrid an exquisite blending of oyster white and chartreuse. Do try it! It's lovely for floral arrangements. ....	\$1.00
LA GLORIA—A pretty soft yellow that we like very much. Lovely with other pastels. ....	.50
LADY NAOMI — A sanded pale lavender with a network of violet lines in the falls. General effect is pale lavender. ....	.50
LAKE GEORGE—A soft medium blue without any haft markings. The beard is pale yellow. ....	\$1.00
LANCASTER—A very large iris of blended old rose and copper. ....	.50
LAVENDER AND OLD LACE—An exquisite dainty ruffled iris of orchid edged gold. ....	\$1.00
LIGHTHOUSE—A glowing iris of old rose and rose red with golden light streaming from the center. A honey! ....	.50
LOUVOIS—A glossy lustrous iris of rich velvety chocolate brown with lighter edging on the falls. A real brown of great charm and distinction. ....	.50
LOVELY DAY—A very pale blue that turns cool white. Large blooms beautifully proportioned and set on well branched stems. ....	.50
MAID OF ASTOLAT—A beautiful blue and white plicata that seems to go on everyone's list.....	.50
MANYUSYA—A good rugged pink from Mr. Hill of Kansas. ....	.75
MARILYN—A taller Missouri.....	.50
MATA HARI — Very good late-blooming purple. ....	.50
MATTERHORN — A pure white of perfect rounded standards and flaring falls. Firm substance and splendid branching. ....	.50
MATULA—An unusual blend of rose, orange, crimson and buff. Large well-substanced flowers with edges nicely crimped and waved. ....	.50
MAY DAY—A luscious iris of a stunning apricot orange overlaid copper with a nice orange beard. Well branched with fair substance. Fine for breeding.....	.35
MELANIE—A fine Hill origination. Large ruffled flowers of shimmering orchid pink. Tall, splendidly branched of good form and substance, and a lusty grower. No faults. ....	.50
MEXICO—A warmly colored variegata that is tops with us. ....	\$1.50
MIDWEST GEM — Like a ripe peach is this tempting iris of luminous peach buff. Petals heavily substanced with crimped and ruffled edges. ....	.50
MING YELLOW—One of the largest yellows, this smooth beautifully finished flower has splendid substance and rich color.....	.50
MISS CALIFORNIA—Tall, state-ly lilac pink of good size and fine bearing. A prolific grower and blooms over a long period.....	.50
MISSOURI—An iris classic. Giant blooms of perfect form and enameled finish in a clear shade of medium blue. Well worthy of its Dykes medal. ....	.50
MISTY GOLD — Another of the many soft yellows with a white area on the falls. ....	\$1.00
MME. LOUIS AUREAU—A lovely plicata of silvery white and rosy heliotrope. Blooms early and heavily. A superb performer. ....	.50

MOROCCO ROSE — Warm, yet delicately colored rose pink with a soft yellow glow at the heart. Very lovely! .....	.60	PINK MARVEL — A very pretty thing in tones of rose pink. Grows strongly. ....	.60
MONONA—Richly blended plum purple and heliotrope with an edging of copper brown on the falls. Warm rich colors. ....	.60	PINK CAMEO—A very smoothly tailored iris in the new shell pink. You'll love it! .....	\$2.50
MOUNTAIN SKY—A favorite iris in soft blue with a suffusion of yellow at the center. Very popular. ....	.75	PINK RUFFLES—A darling border iris in crisp ruffled pink.....	.75
MRS. WILLARD JACQUES — A pleasant blend of pinkish bronze, very fresh and sprightly. Flowers of medium size, daintily frilled and ruffled. ....	.50	PRISCILLA — A very nice white is this prim Puritan lass. We like her very much. ....	.75
MT. HERMON—A very cool thick textured white that rates with the very best. Well balanced flowers, very weather resistant. ....	\$1.50	PLATINUM BEAUTY — An odd but lovely muted blend of soft pastels. ....	.50
MULBERRY ROSE—An imposing and really different iris, a self of radiant mulberry rose. The color is unusual and the large blooms well spaced on good branches display it to fine advantage. A most unique and lovely flower. ....	\$1.00	PRAIRIE SUNSET—A truly fine all-time favorite in a subtle blending of sunset colors. Hard to do justice to it. ....	\$1.00
NOBILITY — A tall, very good white. ....	.50	RAEJEAN — A lovely two-toned yellow from Mrs. Whiting. ....	.50
NOONDAY SKY—A large iris of soft lavender blue. Excellent substance and slight fragrance. ....	.50	REGENCY ROSE—A medley of pinkish rose and deep rose pink. ....	.50
NYLON — Smooth light caramel tan blend. Large full ruffled flowers of good form and substance. ....	.50	ROUGE BOUQUET—A red bouquet indeed is this richly tinted deep ruby red that blooms so nicely and has such fine form and substance. ....	.75
OLA KALA—An intensely colored iris of deep yellow, almost orange. Very brilliant. Form is flaring and ruffled making it very weather resistant. ....	\$1.00	RUBAIYAT—(Ruth M. Johnson) A large full flower with well domed standards and quite flaring falls. A bicolor with pale lavender standards and deep fuchsia purple falls. A trifle short and bunched but the color is gorgeous and it makes a fine garden clump. ....	\$3.00
OREGON SUNSHINE—Nice large tall iris of soft uniform yellow. No flecking at all. We like both its color and its performance.....	.50	RUBY GLOW—A first class intermediate in ruby red with a glossy sheen and a bright orange beard. Fine performer. ....	.60
ORMOHR—A William Mohr derivative in a larger, taller and smoother iris of deep lavender with characteristic veining.....	.50	SABLE—This deservedly popular iris is a gorgeous deep velvety black violet with a dark beard in perfect harmony. A large and wonderfully fine iris, brilliant despite the depth of color, and a most gratifying performer. ....	.75
PATRICIA — A daintily ruffled pure white iris of medium size and height. Very popular. ....	.75	SALAR—A delicate toned creamy salmon, large and well branched. ....	.50
PEACHBLOW — A very lovely pink plicata. ....	.75	SAMOVAR—Softly glowing burnished copper and rose. Stunning! ....	.50
		SANDIA — A sturdy deep pink blend. Purple tinged foliage, large fans. ....	.50

SHARKSKIN — A silky smooth white of very heavy substance and clear color. A very popular white. ....	.75	TA MING—A nice orange yellow. Much better than Naranja.....	.60
SHERIFFA — An interesting hybrid in metallic purple. Well liked. ....	\$1.00	TAPESTRY ROSE—Large crimped flowers of deep rose. Leathery finish and good form. ....	.60
SHIRVAN—Fine brown toned iris with richly finished falls. ....	.35	TEA ROSE--A deep mallow pink with rich copper tan shadings. As luscious as a Talisman rose.	\$1.00
SILVER SUSIE — A tall silvery white. ....	\$1.00	THE BISHOP — A very majestic deep purple. One of the best.....	.75
SITKA—A good tall white that has good branching and large blooms. Blooms for a long time. ....	.50	THE ADMIRAL — An intensely deep, yet not dark blue of great brilliance and jaunty form. As perky an admiral as you ever saw. ....	.75
SNOWKING — This white, like Gudrun, stands right up with the best of the new whites. Large beautiful flowers on tall well branched stalks. Good enough for any garden. ....	.50	THELMA JEAN—A very vibrant rosy purple rather unlike any other iris. A favorite here.....	.50
SNOW VELVET—Just what the name suggests and very nice, too. ....	.75	THE SENTINEL—A vivid copper blend that is a traffic stopper. ....	.50
SOLID MAHOGANY—Rich dark red, large impressive flower.....	\$1.50	TIFFANJA—A very clean plicata of clear buff standards and whiter falls, both marked golden brown. General effect yellow buff. Does extremely well here. ....	.75
SOLVEG—(Martin Johnson) — A delectable shade of lemon yellow, a self save for a large white area on the falls. Yellow beard tipped white. Good size, medium height, slight fragrance. Very cool and frosty looking, reminiscent of a dish of lemon ice. Good growing habits and excellent weather resistance. Much the garden effect of Elsa Sass and Misty Gold but in a larger fuller flower. Well tested. Try it. ....	\$5.00	TIFFANY—Still in great demand is this lovely rose and yellow plicata that does so well every year and everywhere. ....	.50
SPRING CLOUD — A heavily flushed blue plicata that everyone likes. You'll like it, too.....	.50	TISHOMINGO—A very large wistaria blue self of flaring form and firm substance. Standards are well arched, falls flaring. Flower is fresh, cool and frosty.	\$1.00
SPUN GOLD—A rich deep golden yellow with an unusually smooth velvety finish. A real sensation. ....	.75	VAGABOND PRINCE — A very dark iris blooming mid-season. ....	.50
STARDOM — A brilliant salmon-buff-apricot blend with a glowing orange beard. ....	.50	VATICAN PURPLE—A very bold iris of deep purple, silky yet smooth and heavy. Wide flaring falls without haft markings. A real beauty! ....	\$1.50
SUSIE-Q—(Martin Johnson)—A very warmly colored rosy brown plicata, more tailored and less ruffled than Tiffany. Gives a very bright garden effect. Fine for cutting. ....	\$2.00	VIOLET CROWN — One of our finest iris at any price! A knockout for color—a rich deep lustrous violet. Tal land stately with well poised blossoms. A real top notch iris. ....	.50
STELLA POLARIS—A very good tall white for the background.....	.75	WABASH—An all time great, a true amoena with snow white standards and purple velvet falls edged white. Very showy and a fine performer. ....	.50

WAR EAGLE—A huge showy iris of deep rose. Grows strongly and blooms well. ....	.50	WHITE CITY — A Dykes medal winner from England. An immense and beautiful flower of silken blue white with a touch of blue at the heart. Crisp and very cool. Tall and early. ....	.50
WAVERLY—A very large and lovely deep medium blue that is imposing in character. ....	.50	WINNESHEIK — Another fine dark blue in the lower price range. Lighter edging adds interest. ....	.35
WEST POINT — A showy two-toned blue with a touch of brown for contrast. Fine large flowers. Rather late. ....	.50	WINTER CARNIVAL — A fine large white iris with flaring falls. Very lovely. ....	.75
WILLIAM CAREY JONES — A fine dependable cream. One of our best doers. ....	.35		

## BEARDLESS IRIS

### SIBERIANS — SPURIAS

Plant beardless iris at least 2 inches deep. They do best in a moist location altho they do tolerate average garden conditions. Frequent division is unnecessary, clumps may be left undisturbed for several years. Well rotted manure is a good fertilizer for these species. Plant at once upon receipt of order and water well.

#### SIBERIANS

BLUE CHARM—Large light blue. .50	OTTAWA—Showy iris of blue and white. .75
BLUE HERON—Graceful blue..... .60	PERIWINKLE—One of the best blues. .50
BLUE STAR—Tall deep blue..... .50	SNOWY EGRET—Best white we have seen. Large, flaring and frilled. \$1.00
CAESAR—Fine deep purple..... .50	SUMMER SKIES—Light blue and white. .75
CAESAR'S BROTHER—Like Caesar but darker and more velvety. .50	TRUE BLUE—Good blue iris..... .50
KINGFISHER BLUE—Tall light blue. .50	TYCOON — Largest of all Siberians, truly gigantic. A rich purple velvet. \$1.50
LLEWELLYN—Tall with flaring deep blue flowers. .60	WHITE DOVE — A good short white. .50
MISS DULUTH --- Deep blue by Sass. .50	ZEST—Bright blue with red accent. .50
MOUNTAIN LAKE — Clear medium blue, flaring, ruffled and very crisp. \$1.00	
MOUNTAIN POOL — Clear sky blue smoothly finished. .75	

#### SPURIAS

HAZY HILLS—Soft orchid blue.....\$2.00	PREMIER—Strong growing purple and white. \$1.00
LORD WOLSELEY — Deep blue purple. \$1.50	SUNNY DAY—A tall lovely golden yellow. \$1.50
LUMIERE—Yellow and white.....\$1.00	DOROTHEA K. WILLIAMSON—Low growing rich purple, fine for corsages. .50
MRS. A. W. TAIT—Porcelain blue, strong grower, early..... .50	PSEUDACORUS — Interesting plant with yellow flowers. .50

The American Iris Society is an organization of which all Iris lovers should be members. It offers four quarterly bulletins and much in the way of information and fellowship. Send your dues (\$3.50 per year) to us or direct to The American Iris Society, Franklin Rd., Brentwood, Tennessee. You won't regret it.

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